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Assignee	THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY
Title	Fibers Comprising Starch and Biodegradable Polymers
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS
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   (see 37 CFR §1.27)
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE – Large Entity

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101	710	Utility filing fee	[710.00]
106	320	Design filing fee	[]
107	490	Plant filing fee	[]
108	710	Reissue filing fee	[]
114	150	Provisional filing fee	[]
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103	18	Claims in excess of 20	
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104	270	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
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127	50	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet		[]
139	130	Non-English specification		[]
147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination		[]
112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's action		[]
113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's action		[]
115	110	Extension for reply within 1st month		[]
116	390	Extension for reply within 2nd month		[]
117	890	Extension for reply within 3rd month		[]
118	1,390	Extension for reply within 4th month		[]
128	1,890	Extension for reply within 5th month		[]
119	310	Notice of Appeal		[]
120	310	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		[]
121	270	Request for oral hearing		[]
138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		[]
140	110	Petition to revive - unavoidable		[]
141	1,240	Petition to revive - unintentional		[]
142	1,240	Utility issue fee (or reissue)		[]
143	440	Design issue fee		[]
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122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner		[]
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